

11. PSI Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-1683-000]

Take notice that on February 24, 2000, PSI Energy, Inc. (PSI) tendered for filing the Transmission and Local Facilities (T&LF) Agreement Calendar Year 1997 Reconciliation between PSI and Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc. (WVPA), and between PSI and Indiana Municipal Power Agency (MPA). The T&LF Agreement has been designated as PSI's Rate Schedule FERC No. 253.

Copies of the filing were served on Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc., the Indiana Municipal Power Agency and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Comment date: March 16, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative

[Docket No. ER00-1688-000]

Take notice that on February 23, 2000, Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative, Inc. (Deseret) tendered for filing an executed umbrella short-term firm point-to-point service agreement with the Western Area Power Administration—Colorado River Storage Project Management Center (WAPA) under its open access transmission tariff.

Deseret requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements for an effective date of January 24, 2000.

WAPA has been provided a copy of this filing.

Comment date: March 15, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. RS Cogen, L.L.C.

[Docket No. QF00-32-000]

Take notice that on February 23, 2000, RS Cogen, L.L.C. (RS Cogen) located at 1300 PPG Drive, Westlake, Louisiana 70669, filed an application pursuant to Section 292.207(b) of the Commission's regulations for a determination by the Commission that RS Cogen's cogeneration facility is a qualifying facility under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 and the Commission's regulations thereunder.

RS Cogen proposes to construct, own and operate an approximately 425 MW combined-cycle cogeneration facility fueled by natural gas that will produce electricity and provide steam to nearby chemical manufacturing facilities. The facility proposes to interconnect with Entergy Gulf States, Inc. PPG Industries, Inc. and Entergy R.S. Corporation each own 50 percent of the equity of RS Cogen.

The Applicant anticipates the facility will commence commercial operations in the summer of 2002.

Comment date: March 24, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 7108-001]****Virginia Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment**

February 29, 2000.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA is for an application to surrender the exemption for the Grove Mill Project. The DEA finds that approval of the proposed amendment would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Grove Mill Project is located on the Middle River, in Augusta County, Virginia.

The DEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA are available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The DEA may be

viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Please submit any comments on the DEA within 30 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation. Comments should be addressed to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 7108-001 to all comments.

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**[OPPTS-140283; FRL-6495-1]****Access to Confidential Business Information by Syracuse Research Corporation**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor Syracuse Research Corporation (SRC), of Syracuse, New York, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, 8, and 21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA occurred as a result of an approved waiver dated January 27, 2000, which requested granting SRC immediate access to TSCA CBI. This waiver was necessary to allow SRC to assist the Risk Assessment Division by providing expertise in the Health and Environmental Sciences, including Biotechnology and Biostatistics; performing hazard and exposure assessments at the screening level; performing hazard assessments, risk assessments and characterization of new and existing chemicals; performing expert analysis of science issues and questions, to organize review panels/workgroups/workshop/symposia; assisting in developing test guidelines/standards; and providing automatic data processing and information management support and literature and translation support.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph S. Carra, Acting Director,

Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Rm. E-545, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to "those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)." Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document or Other Related Documents?

Electronically. You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under contract number 68-W-00-069, contractor SRC of Merrill Lane, Syracuse, NY, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) by providing expertise in the Health and Environmental Sciences, including Biotechnology and Biostatistics performing hazard and exposure assessments at the screening level performing hazard assessments, risk assessments and characterization of new and existing chemicals performing expert analysis of science issues and questions, to organize review panels/workgroups/workshop/symposia assisting in developing test guidelines/standards and providing automatic data processing and information management support and literature and translation support.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68-W-00-069, SRC will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, 8, and 21 of

TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract.

SRC personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, 8, and 21 of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 4, 5, 6, 8, and 21 of TSCA that EPA may provide SRC access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters and SRC's Syracuse, NY and Arlington, VA facilities.

SRC will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at their facilities under the EPA *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*. Before access to TSCA CBI is authorized at SRC's sites, EPA will perform the required inspection of its facilities and ensure that the facilities are in compliance with the Manual.

Upon completing review of the CBI materials, SRC will return all transferred materials to EPA.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until December 31, 2004.

SRC personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

Dated: February 23, 2000.

Deborah A. Williams,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Pollution Prevention and Toxics.
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services Field Hearing Schedule

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Announcement of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services (Joint Conference) was convened by the FCC on October 8, 1999 to further the vision of Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Patterned on a resolution by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), the

Joint Conference joins federal and state forces to encourage the deployment of advanced telecommunications services to all Americans. Part of the Joint Conference's mission is to gather information on the deployment of advanced services. To this end, the Joint Conference will hold six field hearings in coming months to gather information on the status of deployment of advanced telecommunications capability to all Americans.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for hearing dates.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for hearing addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily Hoffnar (202) 418-0940 TTY: (202) 418-0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These field hearings will focus on two goals in particular. First, the Joint Conference will seek information on what extent data is available at the state level on the status of deployment of advanced services. Second, the Joint Conference will seek examples of "best practices" of successful deployment in communities. Some communities have found creative ways to bring high speed Internet access to areas that were previously underserved. For example, a community may speed deployment by bringing many potential users of advanced services together, thereby aggregating demand to increase their buying power. A compilation of creative efforts, or best practices, will provide guidance to communities in other states to speed deployment of advanced services.

Transcripts of each field hearing will be made available to the public as soon as possible after each field hearing.

Meeting of Joint Conference and Initial Hearing

- Washington, DC, March 8, 2000, time to be determined.
- Joint Conference Hosts: FCC Chairman William Kennard and Chair of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, Nanette Thompson.
- All FCC and State Commissioners will attend the first field hearing in Washington, DC, as their schedules permit.
- Special focus on broadband deployment in inner cities.

Western Regional Field Hearing

- Anchorage, Alaska, April 17, 2000, time to be determined.
- Joint Conference Hosts: FCC Commissioner Susan Ness and Chair of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, Nanette Thompson.